## Probing the Surface of $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> by Oxygen-17 Dynamic Nuclear Polarization Enhanced Solid-State NMR Spectroscopy

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**Figure S1**. <sup>1</sup>H MAS NMR spectra of dehydrated  $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with microwave irradiation on (MW-on) or off (MW-off). A total of 4 scans were accumulated with a recycle delay of 10 s for each spectrum. The spinning speed was 8 kHz. \* denotes spinning sidebands.

**Table S1.** Isotropic chemical shift  $\delta_{CS}$  and second-order quadrupolar interaction parameter  $P_Q$  (where  $P_Q = C_Q(1 + \eta_Q^2/3)^{1/2}$  and  $C_Q$  and  $\eta_Q$  are the quadrupolar coupling constant and asymmetry, respectively) of each oxygen species on  $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(O) extracted from the 2D <sup>17</sup>O 3QMAS DNP spectrum.  $\delta_{F2}$  and  $\delta_{F1}$  represents the center of gravity of each specific species measured along direct dimension  $F_2$  and isotropic dimension  $F_1$ , respectively, on the sheared 2D spectrum in Fig. 3.

Site	$\delta_{F2}/ppm$	$\delta_{F1}/ppm$	$\delta_{CS}$ /ppm	$P_Q/MHz$
Site 1	48.0	71.5	56.70	2.69
Site 2	68.4	69.6	68.80	0.61
Site 3	79.3	84.0	81.04	1.20



**Figure S2.** XRD patterns of parent  $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (a) and  $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(O) (b).



**Figure S3.** <sup>27</sup>Al MAS (a) and <sup>1</sup>H $\rightarrow$ <sup>27</sup>Al CP/MAS (b) NMR spectra of  $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(O). \* denotes spinning sidebands. The spectra were recorded at 18.8T.